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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, AF, IN, SA
SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN

1. ACCORDING TO THIS MORNING'S NEWSPAPERS, FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA LEFT NEW DELHI TODAY ON A TWO-DAY VISIT TO KABUL. PRESS ACCOUNTS NOTE THAT HE IS THE FIRST HIGH-RANKING INDIAN OFFICIAL TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN SINCE THE APRIL 27 COUP AND THAT HE WAS INVITED BY HIS AFGHAN COUNTERPART.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME NEWS STORIES THINK THAT ECONOMIC MATTERS WILL RANK HIGH ON MEHTA'S AGENDA IN KABUL, WE SUSPECT THAT HIS MAIN REASONS FOR GOING THERE ARE (1) TO REAFFIRM TO THE AFGHAN GOVT THE GOI'S DESIRE FOR CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES AND (2) POSSIBLY TO EXPLAIN TO THE AFGHANIS THE GOI'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE OTHERS TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW REGIME IN KABUL. THIS MIGHT INVOLVE DISCUSSING PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S TALKS WITH THE LEADERS OF IRAN, THE UK AND THE US INsofar AS THEY CONCERNED AFGHANISTAN AND NATIONAL ISSUES. WE SHALL SEEK A MORE DEFINITIVE READOUT FROM MEA ON MEHTA'S RETURN.

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END COMMENT

3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT MEHTA WILL VISIT SAUDI ARABIA
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